

breakage resulting from a drop of 2.0 m (7 ft) or more onto a concrete floor, impacting at an orientation most likely to cause damage.

(2) Each cylinder equipped with a valve, if not overpacked in a box in accordance with paragraph (d)(1) of this section, must be equipped with a protective cap or other means of valve protection sufficient to protect the valve from deformation and breakage resulting from a drop of 2.0 m (7 ft) or more onto a concrete floor, impacting at an orientation most likely to cause damage.

(e) *Interconnection*. Cylinders may not be interconnected.

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### Subpart C—Definitions, Classification and Packaging for Class 1

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#### § 173.50 Class 1—Definitions.

(a) Explosive. For the purpose of this subchapter, an *explosive* means any substance or article, including a device, which is designed to function by explosion (i.e., an extremely rapid release of gas and heat) or which, by chemical reaction within itself, is able to function in a similar manner even if not designed to function by explosion, unless the substance or article is otherwise classed under the provision of this subchapter.

(b) Explosives in Class 1 are divided into six divisions as follows:

(1) *Division 1.1* consists of explosives that have a mass explosion hazard. A mass explosion is one which affects almost the entire load instantaneously.

(2) *Division 1.2* consists of explosives that have a projection hazard but not a mass explosion hazard.

(3) *Division 1.3* consists of explosives that have a fire hazard and either a minor blast hazard or a minor projection hazard or both, but not a mass explosion hazard.

(4) *Division 1.4* consists of explosives that present a minor explosion hazard. The explosive effects are largely confined to the package and no projection

of fragments of appreciable size or range is to be expected. An external fire must not cause virtually instantaneous explosion of almost the entire contents of the package.

(5) *Division 1.5*<sup>1</sup> consists of very insensitive explosives. This division is comprised of substances which have a mass explosion hazard but are so insensitive that there is very little probability of initiation or of transition from burning to detonation under normal conditions of transport.

(6) *Division 1.6*<sup>2</sup> consists of extremely insensitive articles which do not have a mass explosive hazard. This division is comprised of articles which contain only extremely insensitive detonating substances and which demonstrate a negligible probability of accidental initiation or propagation.

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#### § 173.51 Authorization to offer and transport explosives.

(a) Unless otherwise provided in this subpart, no person may offer for transportation or transport an explosive, unless it has been tested and classed and approved by the Associate Administrator for Hazardous Materials Safety (§ 173.56).

(b) Reports of explosives approved by the Department of Defense or the Department of Energy must be filed with, and receive acknowledgement in writing by, the Associate Administrator for Hazardous Materials Safety prior to such explosives being offered for transportation.

#### § 173.52 Classification codes and compatibility groups of explosives.

(a) The classification code for an explosive, which is assigned by the Associate Administrator for Hazardous Materials Safety in accordance with this subpart, consists of the division number followed by the compatibility group letter. Compatibility group letters are used to specify the controls for the transportation, and storage related

<sup>1</sup>The probability of transition from burning to detonation is greater when large quantities are transported in a vessel.

<sup>2</sup>The risk from articles of Division 1.6 is limited to the explosion of a single article.